

SCOTT BARTHOLOMEW: Scott Bartholomew, Sanpete County commissioner. I've been a longtime life member of Sanpete County, and I'm here to tell you that the only time that we have pollution down there is when it comes in from the Wasatch Front when the wind's blowing. We would strongly suggest that you lift the moratorium to keep the cheap reliable power flowing to us. As I've talked to the Rocky Mountain Power representatives, they tell me that although they are not opposed to solar and wind power, they aren't reliable enough for them. They are too dependent upon the wind and nature aspect of it, so they still have to go back to the coal and the oil to keep the power flowing. I've watched my neighbors go through the mines forever, the jobs that it creates, the trucking industry, and also all of the other jobs that spin off from it, the food and the mechanics and all these other things come into play here. We get no revenue from these mines if they aren't being mined, plain and simple. We need to keep these things going. And last but not least, maybe the way to see the true economic impact of these things is to turn the power plants off for a week. Just turn the power plants off for a week that are being generated by coal and see what the true impact really is. Thank you.